

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building January 7, 2013 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Ron Wells; and Paul Foltz, attended.

McCulloh moved to accept the low bid submitted by Larson Construction, Inc. Manhattan, Kansas in the amount of \$49,428.00 for the Lakeside Heights Sewer Benefit District. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to sign appointment letters for Mark Fritzson and Joyce Graham, term expiration December 31, 2016 and "Resolution No. 010713-01, A Resolution appointing Riley County representatives to the Fair Board." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2013 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

- **Administrative Work Session**

Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; Ron Wells; and Paul Foltz, attended.

Holeman discussed the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) agreement.

The Board discussed the MPO Technical Committee.

Smith said aTa Bus would prefer to be a voting member of the MPO Technical Committee. Smith stated the concern is if aTa Bus needs additional buses or expand the routes will the City oppose it when they do not participate in the funding.

9:30 Press Conference

Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Ron Wells; Eileen King, Treasurer; Sherilyn McRell, Administrative Analyst; Jolene Keck, Elections Supervisor; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Angel Dillon, Legal Assistant; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; and Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent, attended.

Eyestone stated they are starting a new program in conjunction with McClure's Coffee Shop Agronomy program. Eyestone said on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at Nelson's Landing they will be discussing new annuals for 2013.

McClure said the Coffee Shop Agronomy Meetings begin January 10, 2013. McClure said Art Barnarby will be the featured speaker on Thursday, January 10th at the first Coffee Shop Agronomy meeting in this year's series of educational meetings organized by the Riley County Extension Service. McClure said Barnaby is an agriculture economist with K-State Research and Extension. McClure said his presentation will be about crop insurance.

McClure said the Coffee Shop Agronomy meetings will be held at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville, starting at 10:30 a.m. and adjourning by 12:00 (noon)

every other Thursday from January 10, 2013 through February 21, 2013.

Meeting dates, topics, and speakers are:

- January 10 — Crop Insurance — Art Barnaby, K-State Research & Extension agriculture economist
- January 24 — Cover Crops — Dale Strickler, Star Seed
- February 7 — Sorghum Genetics — Scott Staggenborg, Director of Technical Services, Chromatin, Inc.
- February 21 — Drought Tolerant Corn — Kraig Roozeboom, K-State Research & Extension agronomist

McClure said the Coffee Shop Agronomy meetings are sponsored by the KSU-Riley County Extension Service and the Riley County Farm Bureau Association. For more information or to make reservations to attend, contact Riley County Extension Agent Greg McClure at (785) 537-6350.

McClure said reservations are requested by 12:00 (noon) the day before each meeting.

King presented the following:

- Sales Tax Rate Change – Because the extension of the sales tax was not voted on until November, it will not go into effect until April 1, 2013.

The sales tax rates from now through March 31, 2013 will be:

Riley County	6.80%
Manhattan City	8.05%
Manhattan Discovery Ctr	8.05%
Manhattan Marketplace	8.55%
Manhattan Limey Pointe	8.55%
Manhattan South TDD	8.55%
Leonardville City	7.80%
Ogden City	7.80%
Randolph City	6.80%
Riley City	7.80%

- Wildlife & Parks Passport – Statewide park permits are now available through the County Treasurer's Office at time of initial registration or renewal only. Cost is \$15.50. Regular permit from KDWPT is \$25/annual or \$5/day. This will be available on the renewal forms if done by mail or through Webtags. These will expire at the same time as your license plate, rather than on a calendar year.
- Specialty Plates Royalty Fees – Starting February 1, the Treasurer's Office will be able to collect the annual donation required on the various specialty plates such as the educational plates (K-State, KU, Washburn, Fort Hays State,

Emporia State, etc.), Breast Cancer, Ag in the Classroom, Children's Trust Fund and all others that require an annual donation for the plate. When you come into the Treasurer's Office and would like any of the specialty plates the Treasurer's Office can collect all the fees and give you the plate on the spot without sending you out for the additional forms. The Treasurer's Office will collect the donation, send it to the State Treasurer's Office and they in turn send the fees to the appropriate entity. Once the organization has the fee, they will send the customer the official receipt for tax purposes.

For plates with no annual fee requirement, the Treasurer's Office will still have to have the authorization form signed by the appropriate person. These would be Firefighters, In God We Trust, Veteran's plates, EMS plates, etc.

- New Fees on Trucks & Trailers – reflected on renewal notices:
 - 12M-16M trucks and trailers increased by \$10
 - 20M-54M trucks increased by \$50
 - 54M+ trucks increased by \$85
- Questions call 785-537-6320 or 785-537-6322

McCulloh said the HHW collection will be available Saturday, January 12, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) at Howie's.

Lewis said a Retirement Reception for Riley County Commissioners Alvan Johnson and Karen McCulloh will be held Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commission Chambers.

Lewis presented a retirement plaque to Riley County Commissioner Alvan Johnson for years of service with Riley County from 2001-2013.

Lewis presented a retirement plaque to Riley County Commissioner Karen McCulloh for years of service with Riley County from 2009-2013.

10:00 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Diane Doehling, Riley County Police Department; Clancy Holeman,

Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Bob Boyd; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Ron Wells; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

P. Collins said Riley County and the rest of the country have been struggling to fulfill the FCC mandate for narrowbanding their VHF and UHF radios. P. Collins said to date we still have a few radios with EMS and the backbone of the RCPD voting systems to complete. As KaComm reviewed the possible equipment changes a year ago, it appeared that they only had a few repeater purchases and a few of the links on the PD voting radio system known as PD-1. P. Collins said as they completed all the other upgrades he requested a quote for PD-1 and PD-2.

P. Collins said the cost was surprising to him. Items he had verbally quoted last year are now 150% higher. For the most part, the voter links and receivers being replaced were installed by Captain Wild of RCPD back in the late 1980's. P. Collins said they have served Riley County well and needed to be replaced anyway. Although he believes the mandate has driven the cost up, he thinks we need to take this step at this time and replace the parts in the system. For integrity of their radio system he believes this should make this a sole source purchase from the local radio vendor KaComm, Inc.

P. Collins said because this is 911 radio infrastructure the 911 Fund will be used to purchase this. The PD-1 upgrade is quoted at \$76,878 and the PD-2 upgrade is \$3,360 mainly due to PD-2 being over 10 years newer and not as many sites.

Schoen stated the Riley County Police Department supports the recommendation.

Lewis moved to award sole source purchase authorization to KaComm, Inc. for \$80,238 to be funded out of the 911 fund as radio infrastructure replacement. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnson moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the commission which will be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:25 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:23 Johnson moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Lewis moved to sign a letter to the Manhattan City Mayor and City Commission regarding the Metropolitan Planning Area Designation Agreement. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for the Paul Bushore, a Senior GIS Analyst, in the GIS Department, for Separation from County Service, effective January 7, 2013.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Senior GIS Analyst, in the IT/GIS Department, at a grade S.

McCulloh moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.